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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN POSITION ON CYPRUS

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1. BULGARIAN NEWS AGENCY JULY 17 RELEASED OFFICIAL "DECLARATION" EXPRESSING CONCERN AND ALARM OF "LEADING CIRCLES OF PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA AND ITS PEOPLE" OVER EVENTS IN CYPRUS. COUP ASCRIBED TO GREEK OFFICERS IN NATIONAL GUARD, "GUIDED BY CERTAIN CIRCLES ABROAD". SITUATION DESCRIBED AS GRAVE ENCROACHMENT ON PEACE AND SECURITY IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN WITH POSSIBLE GRAVE INTERNATIONAL CONSEQUENCES. KEY SENTENCE SEEMS TO BE "ANY PROLONGATION OF OPPRESSION OF THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS IS DANGEROUS FOR WORLD PEACE".

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2. DECLARATION GOES ON TO SAY BULGARIAN PEOPLE "INSIST" THAT US SECURITY COUNCIL TAKE IMMEDIATE MEASURES FOR ENDING INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF CYPRUS AND APPEALS TO PROGRESSIVE AND DEMOCRATIC FORCES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO SUPPORT LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF MAKARIOS AND OPPOSE ATTEMPTS TO CHANGE INTERNATIONAL STATUS OF ISLAND.

3. NEWSPAPERS JULY 18 FRONTPAGE DECLARATION OF SOVIET GOVERNMENT ON CYPRUS AND CARRY EXTENSIVE COVERAGE VARIOUS FACETS OF SITUATION, PARTICULARLY MAKARIOS' VISIT TO LONDON AND UN DEVELOPMENTS.

4. AIRA IS REPORTING SEPARATELY (REF A) AN INTERESTING BUT NOT CONCLUSIVE PIECE OF EVIDENCE ABOUT BULGARIAN TROOP MOVEMENTS IN GREEK BORDER AREA WHICH HE ACQUIRED WHILE TRAVELING BACK TO SOFIA FROM ISTANBUL JULY 17. DATT IS OUT LOOKING. THERE ARE LOTS OF RUMORS HERE ABOUT BULGARIAN TROOP MOVEMENTS, WHICH COULD BE DESIGNED TO TIE UP GREEK TROOPS IN ANY CONFRONTATION OVER CYPRUS, BUT WE DO NOT RPT NOT CONSIDER THAT EVIDENCE IS SUFFICIENT SO FAR TO DRAW CONCLUSIONS.

5. WITH REGARD REF B, GOG MAY HAVE ASKED GOB RE ITS INTENTIONS, BUT GREEK CHARGE HERE CLAIMS HE HAS HEARD NOTHING FROM ATHENS ON CYPRUS SITUATION.
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